In all Central Government Hospitals Bio-Medical Waste Management Committees are set up and keep a watch over the disposal of bio-medical wastes as per requirement of the Rules.

Referring of poor patients to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital

†506. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has given directions to hospitals on the 15th November, 2002 to admit 20 per cent poor patients;

(b) whether the poor patients are referred to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital as per the directions of the Delhi High Court; and

(c) if so, the number of patients referred by Safdarjung Hospital during the last three years as on date, year-wise and private hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Safdarjung Hospital is referring poor patients to private hospitals with reserved bed for poor patients as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi. List of patients referred to such hospitals is enclosed as per Statement.

Statement

Number of poor patients referred to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital during last three years

Name of the Private Hospital	Number of patients referred		
	2004	2005	2006
National Heart Institute, East of Kailash, Delhi	Four	One	None
Dharamshila Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Vasundhra Enclave, Delhi	None	Three	None

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Batra Hospital & Research Centre, Mahrauli, Delhi	None	Three	One
Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, Rohini, Delhi	None	One	None

Medical Tourism

†507. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the medical tourism scheme is confined to the papers since the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for Government taking so much time in implementing the said scheme which has the potential of earning income of more than Rs. ten thousand crores and generating employment; and

(d) the steps Government are going to take to make India a hub of the said scheme in the world and the time-frame within which the said scheme would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (d) Department of Tourism has requested all the State Tourism Department to promote Medical Tourism through suitable packaging of indentified best hospitals and price banding for various specific treatment. Moreover, guidelines formulated by Department of AYUSH, to prescribe minimum requirements for Ayurveda and Panchakarma centres have also been circulated to all State Governments.

The steps taken by the Government for providing easy access of medical aid to the visiting tourists include preparation of a guide on select Indian cities and corresponding hospitals, and a guide on suggested uniform price-band for different speciality services for Indian hospitals by Indian Healthcare Federation, a Non-Government Organization affiliated to the confederation of Indian Industry for promoting health tourism. A new category of visa "Medical Visa" ('M'-Visa), has been

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